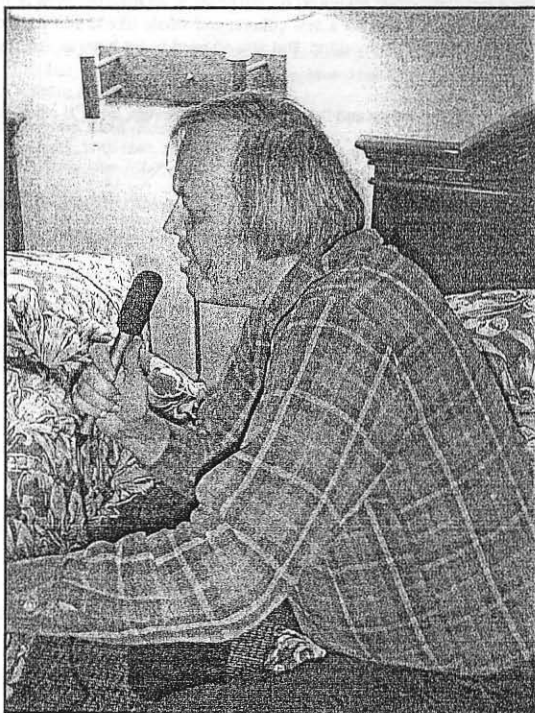


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**"Gorgeous George" Modulating On Channel 14 With All Of
His Good Buddies! Mercy Me!**

The Managing Editor's Page

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OK, you people asked for it; you got it.

For months, I've been pleading with the ACE membership to support the club and editors. Some of you have sent in your loggings, station news, and observations to the various editors. But most of you haven't. And I've had enough.

Effective April 1, 2002, I unilaterally decided to change the Association of Clandestine radio Enthusiasts to the American Association of CB Radio Listeners. Instead of covering pirate and clandestine radio, AACBRL will cover DXing CB radio, including loggings, QSLs, CB clandestines, and CB numbers stations.

I suppose I could be persuaded to change AACBRL back to the ACE if enough of you contribute pirate and clandestine loggings, station news, and QSLs received to the various editors. Maybe you have an idea for a new column and would like to edit it each month. All of that might make me change my mind. But you all need to get busy unless you want to be AACBRL members.

"Threes" to my good buddies and "eights" to all the beavers, and I'll catch you on the flip-flop,

Harry

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LATE LOGS

KMUD

- 02/09/02, 0101-0335+, 6951A - mx - ElectroPop. (ZR-AZ 333)
- 02/16/02, 0108-0430+, 6951A - mx - Blues. (ZR-AZ 332)

Sycko Radio

- 01/19/02, 0122-0200+, 6955U - mx, sound clips. (ZR-AZ 233)
- 02/11/02, 0248, 6956U - mx. (ZR-AZ 333)

WHYP

- 02/12/02, 0031-0148, 6925A - a "Best Of" show. (ZR-AZ 233)
- 02/16/02, 0110-0305, 6925A - all the usual songs. (ZR-AZ 222)

FROM ACROSS THE POND

Alfa Lima International (Hoogeveen)

- 03/17/02, 0025-0645+, 15070A - mx - The Cranberries, REM. Host Alfred emphasizes that this is direct from Holland and not being relayed from within the USA. (RC-MA 444)(CL-MA 333)(JS-NE)

Borderhunter Radio (borderhunter@hotmail.com)

- 03/16/02, 2346-0055+, 15795A - mx - Pop. Modulation low, running low power, greetings sent to listeners. (CL-MA 333)

Radio Omroep Zuid (Roz.am@iae.nl)

- 03/16/02, 1745-1840, 21890A - mx - The Shocking Blue, Mungo Jerry, other 70's. ID at 1840, off shortly after. (CL-MA 242)

Wreckin Radio International (radio@wrinternational.net)

- 03/17/02, 0249-0337, 12256A - mx - Buddy Holly, The Police. "WR" IDs and jingles. (RC-MA 342)

NORTH/SOUTH AMERICAN LOGGINGS

Captain Morgan (FRN)

- 03/08/02, 0327-0335*, 6950A - mx - Soul, Twilight Zone, "Rock'n'Roll Part II." (AF 331)
- 03/11/02, 0325-0350*, 6950A - mx - "Evil Woman," "Jumping Jack Flash," "Born To Be Wild." (AF 321)(WS-TN 333)

Crunch Radio (FRN/ACE)

- 02/26/02, 0304-0359*, 6925A - mx - various, none modern. Off with "America the Beautiful." (AF 321)

KDAZE (kdaze6955@yahoo.com)

- 03/02/02, 0048-0126, 6926U - "The Ren and Stimpy Show." (WS-TN 444)(JS-NE 434)
- 03/02/02, 0358-0435, 6925U - a repeat of the "Radio Daze" show. (JS-NE 434)(ZR-AZ 555)
- 03/03/02, 0016-0049, 6925U - "The Ren and Stimpy Show." (PL-NY 544)
- 03/03/02, 0536-0614, 6950U - a repeat of the "Radio Daze" show. (JS-NE 433)
- 03/03/02, 1321+, 6950U - a repeat of the "Radio Daze" show changing to 6955 halfway through. (JS-NE 433)

KIPM (Elkhorn)

- 03/02/02, 0027-0330+, 6925U - a tale about a meteorite. Marathon show. "The Accursed Galaxy." (CL-MA 232)(DC-IN 524)(WS-TN 444)(GM-CT 333)(JS-NE 434)(ZR-AZ 555)
- 03/02/02, 0426+, 6925U - "Entropy," "The Building." (JS-NE)(ZR-AZ 555)
- 03/02/02, 0613-0710+, 6925U - "The Accursed Galaxy." (JS-NE 434)
- 03/02/02, 1324+, 6955U - "The Accursed Galaxy." (JS-NE)

- 03/03/02, 0047-0248+, 6950U – "The Accursed Galaxy," "Monsters of the Mind," others. (PL-NY 444)(WS-TN 444)(GM-CT 333)(JS-NE 434)
- 03/03/02, 0324-0430, 6950U – "Pirate Jesus." (JS-NE 434)
- 03/03/02, 0740+, 6925U – "He Who Evolved." (JS-NE 434)
- 03/03/02, 1230-1324, 6950U – "The Accursed Galaxy." (JS-NE 434)

KMUD (Lone Pine)

- 02/20/02, 2306-0345+, 6952A – a mix of Jefferson Airplane and Firesign Theatre. (ZR-AZ 333)
- 02/23/02, 0008-0135+, 6952A – a radio drama, then mx. (ZR-AZ 433)
- 03/02/02, 0110-0400+, 6952A – mx – instrumental. (ZR-AZ 233)
- 03/05/02, 0206, 6924A – unusual mix of talk and babbling. (ZR-AZ 222)
- 03/09/02, 0140-0330, 6951A – KMUD's usual musical mix. (ZR-AZ 222)

Montana Audio Relay Service (Merlin)

- 03/02/02, 0338-0358, 6951U – mx – Spike Jones, other old time. Dedication for all those coffee drinkers out there, "Get your kid out of the public schools and home-school your kids!", "Montana is a Happening Place!" Dedicated to the recently captured Unabomber (which would suggest it's an old show.) (AF 242)(DC-IN 322)

Mystery Science Radio (Elkhorn)

- 03/02/02, 0058-0147*, 6926U – mx – Torgo's favorites, "The William Tell Overture." Cherokee Jack hosting. (WS-TN 444)(GM-CT 444)(JS-NE 434)
- 03/02/02, 0335-0356, 6925U – a tribute to Andy Kaufman. (JS-NE 434)(ZR-AZ 555)
- 03/03/02, 1442-1446, 6955U – DXing program with Cherokee Hauser and plans for KIPM's SW empire. RFP! parody of "Mother Earth News." (JS-NE 434)

Oxycontin Radio ()

- 02/21/02, 0125-0154, 6925A – assorted mx. (ZR-AZ 333)

Pan Global Wireless (FRN/A.C.E.)

- 03/12/02, 0451, 6955U – sporadic mx. U.S. West commercial. (AF 142)
- 03/12/02, 0665-0714, 6956U – mx – Punk. U.S. West commercial. Technical problems. (AF 142)
- 03/16/02, 0101, 6955U – mx – "Jingle Bell Rock" by the Chipmunks. U.S. West commercial, "Easy Brew Enema Kit" commercial. (AF 132)
- 03/16/02, 0146-0156, 6956U – mx – Country. Pro red-meat-eating host and request that reports be sent to A.C.E. (WS-TN 343)

Power 95 FM (a.k.a. Sycko Radio)

- 03/10/02, 0351-0500*, 6955U – DJ Jackass broadcasting on clear channel 6955. (JS-NE)

Purple Nucleus of Creation (Elkhorn)

- 03/02/02, 0604-0612, 6925U – a brief voyage to the "Purple Nucleus of Creation." (JS-NE 434)
- 03/02/02, 1520-1542, 6955U – mx – TOL, Transient Wave. "Your mystery Ethereal station." (JS-NE 433)

Radio Azteca (Belfast)

- 03/02/02, 0308-0325+, 6951U – the Top Ten signs you're a "burnt-out Dixer." Possibly a rebroadcast of an older show. (JS-NE 222)

Radio Bingo (radiobingo@chek.com)

- 03/20/02, 0122-0200, 6950A – mx – Thomas Dolby, Right Said Fred, Doctor Tornado and Senor El Nino are tonight's winners, Bill Finn has abuse heaped on him! (John S. reports JTA won?)(AF 433)(JS-NE 333)

Radio Doomsday (Defunct)

- 03/01/02, 2343, 6950U – instructions to Dixer including that of nailing yourself to the floor. "Guy in Indiana – you should have peed before we started!" (AF 333)
- 03/02/02, 0002-0005, 6950U – "Psychotic Friends" hotline, Senility Council. (JS-NE 434)
- 03/02/02, 0544-0603, 6926U – President Clinton for a drug-free America. (WS-TN 444)(JS-NE 434)
- 03/03/02, 0020-0047, 6950U – South Park clip, other programming that suggests a repeat of earlier shows, QSLing instructions that always faded out. (GM-CT 434)(JS-NE)
- 03/03/02, 0737+, 6950U – rebroadcast of earlier show. (JS-NE)

Sycko Radio (Nobody has reported any reply to email sent to this station)

- 02/17/02, 0231-0328+, 6955U – mx – Country, Instrumental. Audio clips, noises, chants of "We want Sycko!" Discussion of Radio Bob and Sycko, show sponsored by the Radio Bob Shortwave Whorehouse. (GZ-OH 323)
- 02/26/02, 0529, 6955U – "Pirateman Radio" and the first annual Pirate Radio DX competition. (AF 222)
- 03/06/02, 0212-0410, 6950U – mx – hard rock. Interesting use of Beavis and a satellite dish to bounce signals off the moon. (JS-NE 333)(ZR-AZ 222)

- 03/10/02, 0253-0334*, 6955U – mx – Pink Floyd, song "Pirate Radio." Talk about Pirates inc. WHYP and Radio Metallica. (JS-NE 333)(ZR-AZ 323)
- 03/18/02, 0257-0420+, 6955U – parody ads for AT&T and Delta. Talk about specialty radios. Keeping customers happy while they're on hold. (JS-NE 434)
- 03/20/02, 0245-0326, 6955U – mx – electronic percussion, child's song – all mixed in with some preaching. "Ultra Shortwave" ID heard. (JS-NE 433)
- 03/20/02, 0357+, 6955U – mx – "The Heat Is on," "We Built This City," "Harden My Heart." (JS-NE 433)

The Asylum (Unknown)

- 03/03/02, 1447-1518, 6955U – mx – Pink Floyd. OM broadcasting from his room at the asylum. Pirate radio with a different point of view. (JS-NE 434)

United Patriot Militia Bingo (yahwehradio6925@yahoo.com)

- 03/20/02, 0140-0245, 6950A – mx – Billy Joel. Mention of Jimmy Da Weasel, Yahweh, L. Cee, Moe Howard and picture of people on the roof. A call from Bozo and ghost sightings. (BF-PA 444)(JS-NE)

Voice of the Tiki (Elkhorn)

- 03/02/02, 0007-0048*, 6925U – mx – "Hawaiian Superman," other Hawaiian. Mudda Maxwell is your host. (PL-NY 444)(AF 344)(WS-TN 444)(JS-NE 434)
- 03/02/02, *0148-0226*, 6925U – mx – Don Ho. Mudda Maxwell hosting. A dedication to Kurt. (Kirk, he mean?)(CL-MA 343)(GM-CT 444)(JS-NE 434)
- 03/02/02, 1142-1216*, 6950U – a repeat of the 0152 broadcast. (CL-MA 343)
- 03/03/02, 0250-0326, 6950U – a repeat of the earlier broadcast. (JS-NE 434)

WAIR (Elkhorn)

- 03/02/02, *2316-0020+, 6955U – mx – rock, Phish. "All Indie Radio" slogan given by OM anncr. "Not sponsored by non-Public Radio!" (GZ-OH 242)(WS-TN 444)(GM-CT 322)(JS-NE 434)

WHYP (whyp@partycloudy.com)

- 03/15/02, *2318-0020, 6925A – Bozo, Kulpville, James checking the Kulpville sex laws, the Voice of Pancho Villa, Osama cave extraction. (BF-PA 555)
- 03/17/02, 0008-0053*, 6925A – interview with Bozo, Winterfest roundup, JTA and sexually transmitted diseases. Pancho Villa finishing off the program. (AF 534)(CL-MA 343)(JS-NE)(WT-IL 355)
- 03/17/02, 0354-0452, 6925A – Kulpville SWL Winterfest programming. (WS-TN 444)(RC-MA)(JS-NE)
- 03/17/02, 1343-1415+, 6950A – the Winterfest special. (JS-NE 322)
- 03/18/02, 0202-0256*, 6925A – repeat of the Winterfest special. (JS-NE 433)

WLIQ (Defunct?)

- 02/24/02, 0311-0317, 6955U – Doug Nelson. (DC-IN 333)

WPN (wpn_sw@yahoo.com)

- 03/17/02, 0113-0139, 6955A – mx – The Vapors. Songs about Osama. (WT-IL 132)
- 03/17/02, 0345-0405, 6955A – language lessons and mention of the button contest at the Kulpville SWL Winterfest. Osama visits the Sopranos. (WS-TN 444)(JS-NE 211)

TENTATIVE/UNIDENTIFIED

Unid:

- 02/23/02, 0042-0121*, 6950A – mx – horn/clarinet. "Amos and Andy" show, IDs in an Irish accent. Reports to FRN. (AF 433)
- 02/23/02, 0127, 6955U – distorted audio, "maybe they will be back later." (AF 331)
- 03/11/02, 0136, 6950U – mx – Robert Palmer, Thomas Dolby, Culture Club. (AF 242)
- 03/13/02, 0106-0127, 6950A – heard up say something like "Radio Free New-Ha" or "Radio Free Newhall?" (ZR-AZ 233)(Zeke – Sounds to me like you might have heard Radio Free Euphoria?)
- 03/17/02, 0116, 6955A – mx – Country/Bluegrass. Very Difficult copy. (AF 221)
- 03/17/02, 2329, 6955U – mx – ominous sounding. "SOS" in CW. (AF 131)
- 03/19/02, 0017, 6955U – raspy music, random ranting. Possibly Sycko? (AF 322)
- 03/20/02, 0202-0211, 6955U – fuzzy audio, may have been Radio Bingo. (JS-NE)

Mystery Science Radio?

- 03/20/02, 0330-0356+, 6925U – possible repeat of earlier show? (GM-CT 323)

Seattle Free Radio?

- 03/02/02, 0451-0525+, 6957U – Church of the SubGenius programming. Possible email address of – seattle4166@yahoo.com. Very noisy condx. (JS-NE 211)I

- 03/10/02, 0224-0351+, 6955U – more Church of the SubGenius. Being stepped on by Sycko. (JS-NE 222)(ZR-AZ 423)

WMI?

- 02/24/02, 0310-0319*, 6955U – a song about a crazy person. "This broadcast brought to you by ???," off with "that's the end of the broadcast?" (AF 232)

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TEN YEARS AFTER...

Nothing this month – "Why?" you may ask? Well, my archive source (*a fine fellow and dinner partner of Jay Smilkstein – always maintained that he did not need antiviral software on his system because he was always very careful with what he did*) got whacked by a virus in the form of an executable attachment that was sent to him by "Microsoft Security."

Folks, if you run a computer and you don't have virus protection software running on it – well, you're an accident waiting to happen. Go out, buy Norton Antivirus, keep it up to date. It still may not be enough, but it sure beats rebuilding your operating system from scratch!

My archive source has seen the light...

...the hard way.

RAMBLINGS

Please note the change of email address on the column banner – the old address is going away. Soon.

As usual, my thanks to all of you that sent in reports. Pretty decent turnout this month.

I was wrong – looks as if The Scream of the Mosquito does QSL! Seems that a logging reported on the FRM site generated a QSL from Captain Buzzy. So, that's where to go!

Some of this month's loggings seem to probably have UPMB and Radio Bingo transmissions confused. Just thought I'd mention that – I try not to edit stuff I'm sent too much – I prints 'em as I gets 'em!

The Kulpville Winterfest has come and gone. As usual, a most excellent gathering – all kinds of symposia, all kinds of Pirates present, all kind of stations on the air. I almost got to touch Allan Weiner as well! (We are not worthy!) Pancho Villa made his customary midnight ride – sounds as if ol' Pancho has been spending too much time in a Tim Horton's lately – the boy was sounding like one of our northern (Canadian) cousins!

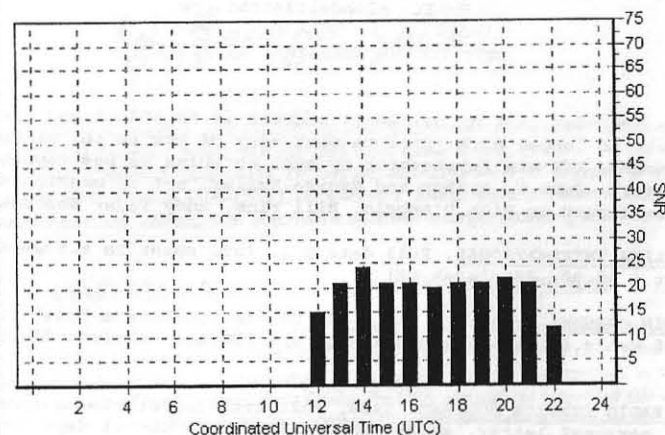
I recently acquired an Icom R-75 receiver – the specs and features interested me. Once it's properly kitted out I'll let you know how it does as a Pirate receiver. If I can get the synchronous AM detection working properly (it's acknowledged as having problems in this model – Kiwa have a fix for it) I want to see if it might be good for the weaker AM stations I hear on 6955.

PROPAGATION

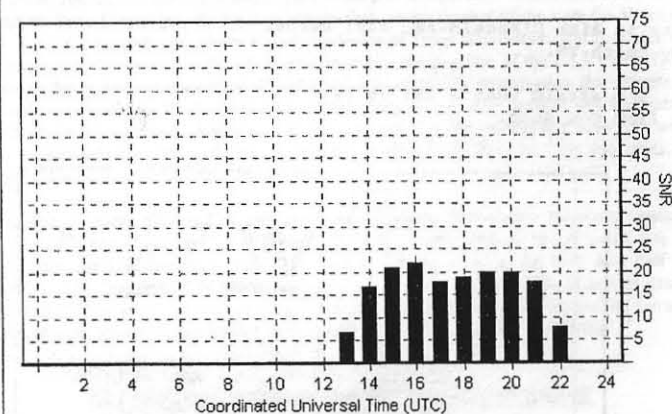
It's nice to see a slowly increasing number of reports for stations across the Atlantic. Given the presence of a number of Euro Pirates up around 21MHz of late, I whipped up some charts for that frequency area. Looks like there's a pretty good window every day unless you live in California....

If you haven't tried for a European Pirate station before, try keeping an ear open for Alfa Lima International on 15070 – Alfred has a good signal and keeps a pretty reliable schedule.

Apr. 2002 Flux: 160 SSN: 116 K: N/A Philadelphia - Amsterdam
21MHz



Apr. 2002 Flux: 160 SSN: 116 K: N/A Kansas City - Amsterdam
21MHz



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NEXT COLUMN DEADLINE: April 19th

Just a reminder that my new email address is in effect and the old one will no longer work. Nice to meet many of you at the Winterfest last month. ACE was represented by such notables as Lee Reynolds, Tom Severt, John T. Arthur and George Zeller, not to mention a lot of others such as Rich D'Angelo, Bill Finn, Andy Yoder and Bozo.

ALFA LIMA INTERNATIONAL. Full data QSL, info sheet in 4.5 weeks for report & \$2.00. [Sedlacek-NE]

CAPTAIN MORGAN. Full data sheet QSL #3 "In The Pirate Zone" received in 2.5 weeks for a vague posting on the FRN/ACE website. [Sedlacek-NE]

FREE RADIO SERVICE HOLLAND. 7450, Full data log/studio equipment card, personal letter, stick, copy of FRS News in 141 days for \$1.00 from Peter V. [D'Angelo-PA]

KDAZE. Full data email "Ren & Stimpy" QSL in a matter of hours. [Smith-TN] Full data color email QSL #7 in several hours. [Sedlacek-NE]. Full data in 1 day for an email report. [Lerner-NY]

WRAY. Full data QSL in 2 months for Radio Free Speech relay. [Lerner-NY]

Thanks to Rich D'Angelo-PA, Paul Lerner-NY, John Sedlacek-NE and Woody Smith-TN.

Well, I'm afraid that's all we have for you this month. I hope to hear from you soon.



From the collection of Harry Helms!

CLANDESTINE PROFILE

by George Zeller

Your loggings, information, and speculations about clandestine radio stations are always very welcome for this column. You can send them direct to your editor at 3492 West 123rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44111. Or, you can call (216) 941-3366 anytime, or else (216) 696-9077 between 1300-2200 UTC weekdays. E-mail input is welcome via my georgez@nacs.net address, with <http://www.nacs.net/~georgez> providing access to my web page.

USA SUSPENDS FUNDING TO IRAQI NATIONAL CONGRESS

For some reason there has been very little coverage in the hobby press of the fact that the USA Government suspended coverage to the Iraqi National Congress in early January. According to a *Los Angeles Times* article by Susan Wright that was reprinted in the January 5 edition of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, the USA government suspended this aid stream in early January because the Iraqi National Congress could not account for tens of millions of dollars in prior USA aid. The USA notified the group of the suspension on January 3. All of this is somewhat surprising, especially given all of the belligerent talk coming out of Washington nowadays about possible military action against Iraq. Of course, it remains to be seen whether the USA will actually attack Iraq. There have been numerous press accounts of opposition to such military action from various countries including Saudi Arabia.

All of this is of interest to clandestine radio DXers since the Iraqi National Congress and its leader Ahmad Chalabi have been noted in the past as operators of multiple clandestine radio stations. Clandestine Radio com reports that among these stations were the *Voice of the Iraqi Communist Workers Party*, the *Voice of Iraqi Kurdistan*, and the *Voice of Iraqi People*. According to the newspaper accounts, the position of the USA currently is that the Iraqi National Congress should build a more viable organization that attracts a wider base of support both inside and outside Iraq, before they receive any additional USA financial assistance. A photo of Chalabi is posted on the clandestine radio com web site at <http://www.clandestineradio.com/dossier/iraq/mess.htm> in case you need to know what he looks like.

Clandestine Radio Watch #55 had previously reported that **Radio Hurrieh**, another station associated with the Iraqi National Congress, would resume broadcasting late in 2001 after the US State Department released \$4 million in aid to the INC, over half of which was budgeted for clandestine broadcasting. The fate of this station is now in doubt given Bush's new cut in INC funding. Perhaps the USA government is leaning toward concentrating its quasi-clandestine Iraq operations on its own **Radio Free Iraq**.

2002 FEST UNLICENSED BROADCASTING COVERAGE

The 2002 Winter SWL Fest in Kulpsville, Pennsylvania is now history, so we have almost another year to wait until next year's Fest. But, we need to report that as usual (and as advertised in this column last month) there was a very healthy presence of unlicensed broadcast content at this year's Fest. Numerous ACE members were in attendance. The unlicensed broadcasting forum, moderated ably by NASWA pirate columnist Chris Lobdell, also consisted of your editor George Zeller, Allan Weiner of WBCQ radio, well-known pirate author Andrew Yoder, and an audience of numerous

unlicensed broadcasting DXers.

In addition, the airwaves of the Kulpville Best Western hotel suddenly became active on both 6955 kHz and on numerous local low power FM frequencies with a steady stream of pirate programming.

I did not notice any Fest coverage in the local Philadelphia area press, such as in the Fest's favorite local paper, the *Intercourse News*, but the Fest covered the Intercourse News anyway. I am not making this up, you might want to check their web site at <http://intercoursenews.com/> to confirm for yourself that the masthead motto of the *Intercourse News* is, "Lancaster County is about Families Doing Things Together." If this isn't fodder for a pirate broadcast, I'm not sure what is. Page 2 of the summer 2002 edition of this fine newspaper announced the big news that the Intercourse News has expanded to the world wide web.

Despite the appearance of Free Radio advocate and WBCQ owner and radio personality Allan Weiner at the Fest, ACE has uncovered the fact that the world's largest Wiener is in fact in Chicago, Illinois as you can confirm for yourself at <http://www.infomagic.net/~martince/hbwiener.htm> on the internet. In a related matter, the world's largest pirate is in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, as is shown with a nice photo at <http://www.infomagic.net/~martince/hbpirate.htm> on the internet.

If you've never been to the Fest before, it's time to start thinking now about the 2003 Winter Shortwave Listeners Festival. Festmeisters John Figliozi and Richard Cuff have already announced that next year's Fest has been booked once again at the Kulpville, Pennsylvania Best Western, its traditional venue, for March 7 and 8 in 2003. More information on the Fest, including a large collection of photos from this year's event and Fests of the past, can always be found at the Fest web site at <http://www.swlfest.com/> on your internet dial.

CLANDESTINE RADIO COM STILL A VALUABLE RESOURCE

As is the case just about every month in this column, we once again have referred to Nick Grace and Martin Schoech's amazing Clandestine Radio Com web site, which has evolved into the most comprehensive resource of information on clandestine radio stations in the history of DXing. We've mentioned it before here in the column, but it still pays to regularly check <http://www.clandestineradio.com/> on the internet to reference this outstanding web site. In addition to Nick Grace's profiles of clandestines in the traditional Clandestine Radio Intel format, the site also contains back issues of the *Clandestine Radio Watch* newsletter. The site is so good that it's become mandatory reading for all clandestine radio DXers, and it's also regularly accessed by intelligence agencies operated by governments all over the world.

ZIMBABWE

You probably noticed in the news that the turmoil in Zimbabwe has picked up lately. While driving down the road last week I noticed on the BBC World Service that their reports on Zimbabwe's elections were all delivered from South Africa, since their reporting from inside Zimbabwe was said to be "restricted."

In the clandestine area, Glenn Hauser noted in DXLD that according to BBCMS 11670 SW Radio Africa scheduled broadcasts on 11670 kHz from 1100-1200 UTC. But, as Jerry Berg noted in *DXplorer*, this frequency is not worth much on the east coast of North America, given Radio France International co-channel at the time. An alternative is supposed to be between 1600-1900 UTC on 6145 kHz. Jerry Berg reports that he checked the web site at <http://www.swradioafrica.com> and found nothing about these expanded broadcasts. The coverage was supposed to continue up until about March 24, but I have seen no loggings of the service.

Clandestine Radio Watch #99 contains additional detailed analyses of the media situation in Zimbabwe. You can check this out for yourself at the Clandestine Radio Com web site discussed above. *CRW* notes that the media in Zimbabwe remain state-controlled, and that other media tend to exercise self-censorship to avoid antagonizing the government. It also noted that at the end of January 2002 an "Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Bill" was passed in Zimbabwe. The impact of this bill is that political rallies are banned. The government got expanded powers from this act to arrest foreign journalists. The Bill also prohibits newspapers from publishing articles criticizing the President. However, it also says that international TV stations are widely available via private cable TV services, but that domestic television is still controlled by the government.

In terms of the new above about Southwest Radio Africa, *CRW* notes that this station calls itself "the independent voice of Zimbabwe." Jerry Berg and *CRW* speculate that they probably use SENTECH transmitters in South Africa for their shortwave service. But, *CRW* #99 also editorialized that the Voice of the People clandestine is "now very much overshadowed technically, editorially, and politically by SW Radio Africa." That issue also contained a BBC log from "R. Tidy" originally appearing in DXLD 2-040 suggesting that the BBC said that SW Radio Africa was being jammed.

Previously, Vashek Korinek of South Africa reported in *DXplorer* and also later in *CRW* #99 that the Voice of the People was a regular for him on 7120 kHz for an hour at 1700 UTC, but that is clearly not a time and frequency that is of any use in North America.

Did anybody follow the recent Zimbabwe situation by radio, other than the items that we list here?

CHRIS LOBDELL CHANGES E-MAIL ADDRESS

As noted in our Fest coverage above, Chris Lobdell remains a leading journalist in unlicensed broadcasting circles. If you have had trouble communicating with Chris lately, you might not be aware that he has changed his e-mail address. If you need to send an e-mail to Chris, you should use his new address, which is clobdell@attbi.com and which I have found is a working address.

INFORMATION RADIO

I had thought that the Information Radio broadcasts on 8700U kHz being paid for by your tax dollars would end up being temporary, now that the Afghanistan War is reaching a later phase. But, as *CRW* #98 reported, D.Hodgson of Tennessee had a log in CDX 387 saying that the station is still heard on a regular basis. We also reported this in ACE last month from the French Creek DXpedition. Is anybody else still hearing this one?

THANKS!

The input of ACE members and other DXers is vitally important to this column, and to all other ACE columns. We thank Martin Schoech (Germany), John Figliozi (New York), Chris Lobdell (Massachusetts), Jerry Berg (Massachusetts), and George Zeller (Ohio) for providing material. Next month we all hope to hear from YOU by April 15 for the May *Clandestine Profile*.

Covert Comms

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A few months ago I wrote about an analyst at the Defense Intelligence Agency who was charged with spying for Cuba. The analyst, Ana Belen Montes, worked for the DIA since 1985 until she was arrested on Sept. 21, 2001, spying for Cuba the whole time. She even became the head of the Cuba section of the agency in 1992, but didn't arouse suspicion until the FBI began an investigation 12 months before her arrest.

The Montes case is of particular interest to numbers monitors because this case provides solid evidence that numbers stations are actually used to pass messages to intelligence agents. The FBI, acting on a search warrant, found that Montes received instructions via numbers broadcasts on shortwave radio, what we know as the Cuban V2 stations. A laptop computer found in her apartment had transcripts of V2 transmissions, including one copied by the FBI on 7887 kHz. Montes would copy down the numbers into her laptop, and a deciphering code given to her by Cuban intelligence officers would translate the numbers into Spanish language text. To communicate back to the Cuban agents, Montes would use a pre-paid calling card on a pay phone to send numbers messages to a pager. The calling card would prevent the numbers she dialed from appearing on a phone bill.

Montes pleaded guilty to all the espionage charges on March 19th in U.S. District Court. Montes admitted to passing classified information to Cuba for the past 16 years, including the names of four American covert intelligence officers who were working in Cuba, the locations of various Cuban military installations the US had tracked down, and informed them of a "special access program related to the national defense of the United States." Montes will serve a 25-year prison term if she cooperates with the FBI during the next six months, telling them what she knows of Cuban intelligence operations inside the U.S.

Montes apparently did not receive any money for her spy work, but was instead motivated by personal motives. She believed that the policies of the U.S. government are unfair to the nation of Cuba. Her attorney, Plato Cacheris, stated that Montes "was motivated by her desire to help the Cuban people and did not receive any compensation."

It isn't clear how much damage was done by Montes' spying. The four American agents she identified to the Cuban government were reported to be "alive and safe."

Many thanks to Al Fansome for passing along this information.

In more shortwave news this month, the High-frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) has been active with their Spring 2002 VLF injection campaign. The campaign is scheduled from March 15-March 28th, so will probably be over by the time you read this. HAARP signals have been heard on 3200 and 5800 kHz, but the scheduled 3300 kHz frequency has so far to my knowledge not been used. This may be due to possible interference to WWCR, who uses that frequency.

I personally heard a nice, strong signal from HAARP on 3200 and 5800 kHz on the 17th around 0830 UTC. The signal consisted first, on 3200, of a steady carrier with a tone. This was replaced by a CW carrier sending rapid dits. The really interesting signal was on 5800, which consisted of an AM carrier modulated by a repeating tone sequence. The tones varied in frequency, with a few "chirping bird" tones included. I have sent off a reception report to the HAARP facility and am awaiting a QSL.

While HAARP isn't really spooks related, it bears mentioning because I'm sure a few SWL's will come across the odd HAARP signal on 3200 or 5800 kHz and wonder what it is. Of course, most of us are familiar with the stupid controversy surrounding the HAARP project from the conspiracy & Art Bell crowd. There has been speculation that HAARP is being used for anything from mind control, to weather control, to an



electromagnetic weapon designed to destroy electronic equipment. Using some critical thinking, one can see that this is not the case. I seriously doubt that a person's brain could pick up an HF signal, nor could you control the weather by pumping RF into the ionosphere.

For more information on HAARP, check out the official website at: <http://server5550.itd.navy.mil/projects/haarp/>. For QSL's, reception reports can be sent to:

HAARP Gakona Facility
PO Box 271
Gakona, AK 99586

That's all for now, see you next month.

QSL	K X K V I	QSL
	Interplanetary Radio	
KXKVI is pleased to corroborate your reception on 7.415 MegaHertz		
on April 5, 1992 at 0430 UTC.		
KXKVI is owned and operated by the Clandis Corporation with studios in Outer Space.		
Thank you for tuning in to KXKVI, Interplanetary Radio.		
QSL	AAA	QSL

From the collection of the lovely and talented Harry Helms;
this QSL was received over five years after the reception
report!

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RADIO AMERICAS AND THE CIA

How our super-spy branch operates the Swan Island propaganda mill.

By TOM KNEITEL, K2AES

THE operation of the station now known as Radio Americas and formerly called Radio Swan on Swan Island in the Caribbean south and a little west of Cuba has been the subject of an immense amount of speculation in DX radio circles virtually since the transmitter went on the air. Rumor long has had it that R. Americas is run by the U.S. Government—of late, more specifically, by the Central Intelligence Agency.

The station is operated out of offices in Miami, the winter playground of rich New Yorkers. The city, by coincidence, also is the focal point to which the largest number of refugees fled after Fidel Castro took over Cuba. At last count, Miami was temporary home to more than 120,000 Cuban nationals. Among these refugees are a sizable number of people who at some point in time were connected with the operation of R. Americas. Some of them are willing to discuss these experiences.

ET published an article on R. Swan/R. Americas last May. After that report appeared many volunteers came forward with additional details about the station. R. Amer-

icas itself has changed to some extent since that time. Short-wave transmission had been cut off and now there appears to be some evidence that medium-wave broadcasts also may be about to end, a point which we will discuss in greater length later in this article.

Miami itself has taken on something of a constant air of intrigue. Most of the Cubans there are highly sensitive politically and feelings against Castro run high. Again and again, groups or individuals busy in the hatching of plots against the Cuban dictator are arrested and their weapons, in some cases, are seized. It was in this emotionally-charged atmosphere that part of the information in this report was gathered. Some of it came from much less glamorous sources—Florida corporate tax records, for example, which are open to public scrutiny at any time.

To give our conclusion at the beginning, the station definitely is a so-called black (secret) operation of the CIA and the location is on Swan Island. Even the latter point has been in dispute several years.

When the station first showed up at 1160

September, 1967

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MEMORANDUM
Tema : Radio America

La radioemisora que transmite por onda corta desde la isla de Swan se identifica como "Radio America". Utilizando unos equipos de 50 mil watts con una antena "rombica" dirigida hacia la isla de Cuba. Radio America se identificaba anteriormente como "Radio-Swan", saliendo al aire por primera vez a mediados de 1960. La planta fue montada por técnicos de la Agencia Central de Inteligencia de los Estados Unidos con el propósito de hacer propaganda de "abandonamiento" de la opinión pública cubana como parte del plan de invasión a Cuba que se desarrolló a mediados de abril de 1961. Radio-Swan utilizaba por entonces un equipo transmisor portátil de menor potencia que el que se utiliza en la actualidad. Una corporación anónima, entonces, como "propietaria y operadora de la emisora", según se sabe dicho de la "Gibraltar".

One of the author's sources for the information appearing in this report was Cuban nationals employed at some time in the operation of Radio America. This source is Spanish and was written by such a person. In translation, the second paragraph says the plant (transmitter) was constructed by technicians of the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States.

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kc on the Broadcast Band and at 6000 kc on the 49-meter SW band in 1960 as Radio Swan it was listed as belonging to the Gibraltar Steamship Corp., a CIA front—or spook, as the CIA itself calls its front organizations—and the headquarters were in New York City. After the Bay of Pigs fiasco, Gibraltar moved to the Langford Building in Miami and changed the station name to R. Americas.

Eventually Gibraltar was succeeded by Vanguard Service Corp., which referred to itself as a firm of business consultants. Vanguard then turned over the station to another CIA front, Radio Americas, Inc., of 101 Madeira Ave., Coral Gables, Fla. Vanguard still exists as a corporation (headquartered in the law offices of Miami's Kelly, Paige, Black & Black in the Dupont Building) but seems to be inactive.

The president of RA, Inc., is Roosevelt C. Houser, a director of the First National Bank of Miami, who does business as the Florida

Bond & Mortgage Co. and Houser Realty Co. Second man on the RA totem pole is Vice-President W. R. Maddux, who does business as Maddux & Co., real estate. The Secretary-Treasurer of RA is Walter S.C. Rogers, a lawyer who is president of Mr. Houser's Florida Bond & Mortgage Co.

These men seemingly play a minor role in the operation of RA. Cubans familiar with RA have little knowledge of them and define their function as being a respectable front for the station and for the channelling of CIA funds through their banking connections. Most officers of the station since its inception have had close banking or other corporate financial contacts.

The station actually is operated by two men. One, a Cuban-American named Robert J. Wilkinson, has been with the station since it first went on the air in 1960. Cuban-national sources identify him as the CIA agent in charge; his official title is listed as Program Director.

In Pre-Fidel Havana Bob Wilkinson was a well-known producer-actor for the CMQ

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To be continued next month. . .

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